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SUBJ: NASA PORTABLE LANDSAT RECEIVER: CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

REF: KARACHI 3888

1. BELOW ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PHONED TO KARACHI BY NASA AND REFERRED TO EMBASSY FOR REPLY:
2. QUESTION 1: HOW MUCH TIME WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EMBASSY TO OBTAIN CLEARANCES FOR CUSTOMS?
3. ANSWER: NORMAL CLEARANCE THROUGH PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT REQUIRES TWO WEEKS BUT IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WE CAN OBTAIN IT IN ABOUT FOUR DAYS.
4. QUESTION 2: WHAT PAPERWORK WILL EMBASSY REQUIRE FROM NASA FOR CLERANCES:
5. ANSWER: CUSTOMS PROCEDURES REQUIRE EMBASSY TO SUBMIT DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY ENCLOSING A COMPLETED CUSTOMS EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FORM. THE FORM WOULD DETAIL THE EQUIPMENT FOR WHICH CUSTOMS CLEARANCE IS REQUESTED AND INCLUDE VALUATION DATA.

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6. A JULY 22 USAF MESSAGE FROM CHARLESTON AFB TO

MILITARY ATTACHE OFFICE CONCERNING USAF AIRCRAFT FLIGHT
CLEARANCE FOR LANDSAT LISTED LANDSAT EQUIPMENT BEING
CARRIED AS:

QUOTE:

- A. 10,000 LBS 1,904 COBE (ELECTRONIC VAN).
- B. 27,000 LBS 1,263 CUBE (ANTENNA TRAILER).
- C. 24,000 LBS 811 CUBE (SHELTERS KNOCKDOWN AND NESTED).
- D. 3,000 LBS 432 CUBE (TANK EMPTY).
- E. 6,000 LBS (TWO DIESEL GENERATORS).

END QUOTE

7. THIS KIND OF SUMMARY DESCRIPTION IS ADEQUATE FOR
CLEARANCE PURPOSE BUT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL AS WELL TO HAVE SOME
DOLLAR VALUATION DATA (ESTIMATE WILL DO) ON THE TOTAL
OR PREFERABLY ON EACH OF THE FIVE LISTED COMPONENTS.

8. RECOMMENDATION: DEPT OR NASA SEND US A CABLE
DESCRIBING EQUIPMENT BEING BROUGHT IN ALONG LINES PARA PER REFTTEL 7
ABOVE WITH SOME VALUATION ESTIMATES. EMBASSY WILL
THEN CLEAR IT THROUGH GOVT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE,
GIVING IT SPECIAL TREATMENT.
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